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TREASURY AND FEDERAL RESERVE OFFICIALS TO PREVIEW NEW \$50 BILL Series 1996 note will include low-vision feature

Secretary Rubin will join Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan and U.S. Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow to preview the Series 1996 \$50 bill in a ceremony at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 12 at the Visitors' Center of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at 14th and C Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C.

The Series 1996 \$50 note is the second in the U.S. currency series to incorporate new and modified security features. The new \$100 note was issued in March 1996, and the new \$50 note will enter circulation this fall. The \$50 note will also include a feature that will make the note more accessible to all Americans, especially the aging population and low-vision community. Patricia Beattie, First Vice President of the Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, will also participate in the Thursday morning ceremony.

Following the ceremony, senior Treasury and Federal Reserve officials will hold a background briefing for the press. A press pool will also be permitted to view the printing of the new \$50 bill, and B-roll will be available.

At 2 p.m. on Thursday, Treasury Under Secretary John D. Hawke, Jr., Treasurer Withrow and Ernest G. Patrikis, First Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, will preview the new note in New York City at The Lighthouse Inc., 111 East 59th Street, Manhattan. The Lighthouse Inc., an international organization providing services and programs for people with low vision, will host the event; Lighthouse President Dr. Barbara Silverstone will also participate.

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